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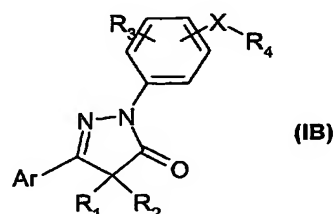
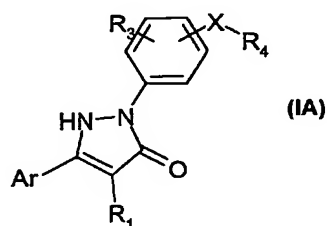
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(57) Abstract: Compounds of formula (IA) or (IB) are inhibitors of CD80 and useful in immunomodulation therapy: wherein Ar represents an optionally substituted monocyclic or bicyclic aromatic or heteroaromatic group having from 5 to 10 ring atoms; R₁ and R₂ independently represent H, or C₁-C₆ alkyl; R₃ represents H; F; Cl; Br; -NO₂; -CN; C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted by F or Cl; or C₁-C₆ alkoxy optionally substituted by F; R₄ represents a carboxylic acid group (-COOH) or an ester thereof, or -C(=O)NR₆R₇, -NR₇C(=O)R₆, -NR₇C(=O)OR₆, -NHC(=O)NR₇R₆ or -NHC(=S)NR₇R₆ wherein R₆ represents H, or a radical of formula -(Alk)_m-Q wherein m is 0 or 1, Alk is an optionally substituted divalent straight or branched C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, or C₂-C₁₂ alkenylene, or C₂-C₁₂ alkynylene radical or a divalent C₃-C₁₂ carbocyclic radical, any of which radicals may be interrupted by one or more -O-, -S- or -N(R₈)- radicals wherein R₈ represents H or C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₃-C₄ alkenyl, C₃-C₄ alkynyl, or C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl, and Q represents H; -CF₃; -OH; -SH; -NR₈R₈ wherein each R₈ may be the same or different, or form a ring when taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached; an ester group; or an optionally substituted aryl, aryloxy, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl or heterocyclic group; and R₇ represents H or C₁-C₆ alkyl; or when taken together with the atom or atoms to which they are attached R₆ and R₇ form a monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 5, 6 or 7 ring atoms; and X represents a bond or a divalent radical of formula -(Z)_n-(Alk)- or -(Alk)-(Z)_n- wherein Z represents -O-, -S- or -NH-, Alk is as defined in relation to R₆ and n is 0 or 1.